Reply of Government.—This is not feasible.

Subject No. 95.

Severity of punishment under the new Forest Regulation.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa of Sorab.

Summary of Representation.—The punishments to which offenders are liable under the new Forest Rules are very severe and the people are put to great loss. It is therefore prayed that the same may be modified and the scale of punishment adopted in the old Forest Rules enforced. All the forest products required by raiyats have been included under "Reserved".

Mr. Sivappa represented that (1) nearly every tree had been reserved and so firewood was hard to get. (2) Matti was the only tree available for agricultural implements. It should be removed from the list of reservations. (3) Seegé in kans and private holdings was not allowed to be removed without a permit from the Forester. Formerly the Shekdar used to grant *Rahadaris* (4) In Bombay the fee for grazing had been reduced to 2 annas; our rates were 4 to 8 annas. These should be reduced. (5) Punishments under the present law were excessive and included imprisonment. They should be reduced.

Reply of Government.—Shekdars will be authorized to grant permits to remove forest produce in Hiduvali lands. The question of reducing the number of classified trees will be considered. Matti will be included in the classified list. On other matters, nothing can be done.

Subject No. 96.

Prohibition of sale of dried trees in occupied Kans by Government.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Although dried trees and wood standing in occupied kans are the property of the occupant, they are sold by the Taluk authorities and the sale proceeds credited to Government. Orders for non-interference by the authorities in such cases are prayed for.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 95.

Subject No. 97.

Trees in the reserved list to be transferred to the classified list.

Mr. Y. Subba Rao, Sagar.

Summary of Representation.—Nandi, honne, matti, and hebbalsu were first added to the list of reserved trees. Jambe, jalari etc., were subsequently added to the said list. It is solicited that the latter kinds of trees may be removed from the reserved class and added on to the list of classified trees.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 95.

Subject No. 98.

Removal of tax on fuel from private holdings.

Mr. Linge Gauda of Nagavala, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Fuel taken to Mysore by raiyats from their private lands is taxed a license fee of 4 annas like the fuel brought from State Forests. The levy of such a tax for fuel brought from private lands is contrary to the standing orders of the Government. Distinct orders on the subject may be published in the local Gazette and thus the poor raiyats may be freed from molestation.

Reply of Government.—Removal of head loads of fuel does not require any license. As regards cart loads, there is some difficulty in distinguishing whether the fuel has been brought from District forests or private lands. Patels will be empowered to issue free licenses for fuel removed